

# Turkey Run State Park Nature Center Programs

Thursday, August 30  
Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Help stock the wildlife observation area at the nature center with seed & suet, & then watch through large windows as wild animals eat & interact.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Enjoy a free 40-minute star show in the nature center planetarium. Hear about star legends, planets, meteor showers and constellations. Doors close at 2 p.m. *Reservations recommended.*

**3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Meet in the cellar of the Lusk Home for a 1-hour tour of this 1841 brick mansion. Your kids will love it! A \$2/person donation is suggested but not required. Doors open at 2:45. Must be able to climb 3 flights of stairs.

Friday, August 31  
Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10am-noon Earth-Friendly Jewelry** – Stop by the nature center and create an easy bracelet or necklace of surprising beauty.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* No one admitted after 2.

**6-7:45pm Naturalist in the Campground** – Watch for the naturalist roaming through the campground to see the cool stuff in their bucket & to hear about the weekend programs.

**Labor Day Week-end**  
Saturday, September 1  
Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:15am Turkey Run ROCKS!** – Meet on the Nature Center front porch to discover the talking rocks of Turkey Run. This 1-hour moderate hike ends with a fossil hunt!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing.

**3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing. A \$2 per person donation is suggested, but is not required. Tour includes 3 flights of stairs.

**9pm Frog Hop** – Meet at the Lusk Home parking lot for an hour long moderate hike to experience our native frogs’ chorus.

Sunday, September 2  
Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:15am Birding Hike** – Gather in front of the nature center for a 1-hour easy birding hike with a naturalist. Discover summer birds by both song and sight. Bring binoculars if you can. We also have some to share.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing.

**3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing.

**8:30pm Descend Into Darkness** – Take a moderate 1-hr hike into the night with the naturalist to discover Turkey Run when the lights go out. Meet on the nature center front porch.

Monday, September 3  
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:45am Covered Bridge Capital** – Meet at the Lusk Home parking lot for a 1-hr. moderate hike to visit the Narrows Bridge and to learn about the famous bridges of Parke County.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* No one admitted after 2.

**Children younger than 14 must be with an adult while in the nature center or at programs.**

Tuesday-Friday, September 4-7  
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing.

Saturday, September 8  
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:45-11:15am Recycled Bird Feeders** – Stop by the nature center to make a feeder to take home. 15-minute activity.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends.* No admittance after 2.

**3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing. A \$2 per person donation is suggested, but is not required. Tour includes 3 flights of stairs.



## Archaeology Day at Shades State Park Saturday, September 8



Your Turkey Run camping hang tag or gate receipt gets you into Shades for FREE

**10am Dirty Digging W/An Archaeologist** – Let DNR archaeologist Cathy Draeger-Williams show you how an archaeological excavation happens. Then try your hand at unearthing your own “artifacts.” **Hickory Shelter.**

**10:30am-1pm Cave Man Capers** – Discover life before written history. Make clay pots, examine points, arrowheads & stone tools with an archaeologist, try your hand at excavating an archaeological “dig,” try firestarting w/out matches, see what cavemen ate, paint a petroglyph and more. **Hickory Shelter.** Bring your own stone tool collections to get info about them.

**1pm Atlatl Spear Throwing** – Archaeologist Cathy will share the history and importance of the atlatl, a spear throwing device. She will demonstrate how to throw, and then *you can try it yourself!* The throwing field will be open until 4pm. **Field near Dell Shelter.**

Sunday, September 9  
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:45am Wildflower Hike** - Join the naturalist on the nature center front porch for a 1-hour moderate hike to discover the many beautiful fall flowers in our park.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends.* No admittance after 2.

Monday-Friday, September 10-14  
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing.  
<There will be no star show on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup>>

Saturday, September 15  
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:30am Homemade Bubblemakers** – This 15-minute activity could save you big bucks! Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends.* No admittance after 2.

**3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing. A \$2/person donation is suggested but is not required. Doors open at 2:45.

**Hoosier Quest Program**  
Earn a pin, kerchief, patch & more! Sign up at the Nature Center

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**10:45am Life Cycle Art** – Come to the Nature Center to learn about the life cycles of insects & make something cool to take home. 45-minute workshop

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Enjoy a free 40-minute star show in the nature center planetarium. Hear about star legends, planets, meteor showers and constellations. Doors close at 2 p.m. *Reservations recommended on weekends.*

Monday-Friday, September 17-21

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. No one admitted after 2.

*Also on Thursday, Sep't 20:*

**7pm Park Friends Meeting** - Enjoy a look back at the work of the Civilian Conservation Corps and how they impacted our national and state parks, and our highways and byways. Join guest Bill Jamerson for an illuminating evening. Sponsored by the Friends of Turkey Run and Shades State Parks. Amphitheater (near Olympic pool). In case of rain, Nature Center auditorium.

Saturday, September 22

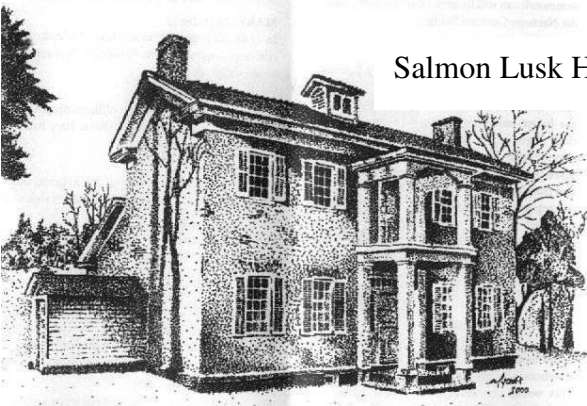
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**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**11am Pioneer Candles** – Gather at the side lawn of the Nature Center to try dipping a candle, just like a 19<sup>th</sup> century pioneer. 45-minute workshop.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends.* No admittance after 2.

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Salmon Lusk Home

Sunday, September 23

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**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center

**10:30-noon Naturalist On The Trail** – Watch for the naturalist while hiking Trail 3 today to discover something amazing from nature.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends.* No admittance after 2.

Monday-Friday, September 24-28

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. No one admitted after 2.

**National Public Lands Day**

Saturday, September 29

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:30am Keep Turkey Run Beautiful** – Remember the *Keep America Beautiful* campaign? Let your kids experience the satisfaction of volunteering while making the park a more pristine and wildlife-healthy place. Scenic 45-minute hike with a naturalist. Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends.*

**3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing. A \$2/person donation is suggested but is not required. Doors open at 2:45. Must be able to climb 3 flights of stairs.

Sunday, September 30

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:30am Nature's Paintbrush** – Meet at the Nature Center to take a 1-hour moderate hike to discover our colorful forest canopy. Bring binoculars if you have them.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends.* No admittance after 2.

Monday-Friday, October 1-5

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* No one admitted after 2.

## Hoosier Quest Program

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**Park Office:** 765-597-2635

### Park Managers:

Gary Warmouth, Property Manager  
Chris Newcomb, Ass't. Property Manager  
Steve Stockton, Ass't. Property Manager

**Nature Center:** 765-597-2654

### Interpretive Naturalist staff:

Barbara Cummings      Julia Hill      Gina Lucas  
Amber Slaughterbeck      Gueric Good

**Turkey Run Inn:** 765-597-2211 or 877-500-6151

Terry Brush, General Manager  
Rob Parker, Ass't. General Manager

**For more interpretive programs:**

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm>

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